

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

**FROM: JAMES F. WHITE, DIRECTOR
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S THIRD ANNUAL HEAD START
PARENT CONFERENCE**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Preschool Services Department's (PSD'S) Third Annual Head Start Parent Conference, to be held at three separate locations on three Saturdays in March, 2000, not to exceed \$15,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: For the past thirty-five years, PSD has operated the Federal Head Start Program in San Bernardino County. The program provides comprehensive child development services to low income preschool aged children and their families throughout the County. PSD directly operates 34 centers, and delegates the operation of five centers to Colton Joint Unified School District (2 sites), Needles Unified School District (2 sites) and City of San Bernardino Parks and Recreation Department (1 site).

The Department seeks approval to conduct the Third Annual Head Start Parent Conference during March, 2000, on the following dates and locations: 1) on March 11 at the Ontario Hilton, 2) on March 18 at Victor Valley College, and 3) on March 25 at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino. All three locations will have activities from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Topics to be covered at the Conference include children with disabilities, teen issues, storytelling, fathers and their parenting roles, positive discipline, and other subjects designed to educate parents on the importance of child advocacy regarding their child's education.

The Conference proposes to present exemplary practices and educational materials to approximately 500 parents of children currently enrolled in the Head Start/State Preschool program, through lectures, workshops, demonstrations, and exhibits. The theme of the Conference is "Parents Hold the Keys to Successful Families."

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This request has been reviewed by the Human Services System Contract Administration office and the PSD Management Team. It has also been reviewed and approved by the PSD Policy Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no County cost. The projected expense, not to exceed \$15,000, will come from PSD's Head Start Transition Training funds, which are funded by the Federal Head Start program.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James F. White, Director, Preschool Services Department

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